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"My eyes have seen your salvation." Luke 2:30

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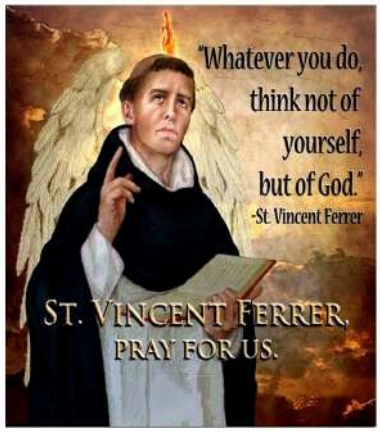

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 1st **5:00 p.m.**
World Day for Consecrated Life
Blessing of Candles
John "Jacks" Lowell Schaffer - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, February 2nd **8:00 a.m.**
World Day for Consecrated Life
Blessing of Candles
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Mary Barker - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested of behalf of the Parish

11:00 a.m.
World Day for Consecrated Life
Blessing of Candles
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Joseph Carter - In memoriam
Requested by Evelyn Carter
Hollis C. Thompson - In memoriam
Requested by the Gillies Family
Elna Luenda Howard - In memoriam
Requested by the Pastoral and Financial Councils

Monday, February 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr
Memorial of Ansgar, Bishop
Blessing of Throats
Altagrace Mathieu and Family - In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagrace

Tuesday, February 4th **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing and thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Memorial of St. Agatha, Martyr
Racquel Labode - Blessing and thanksgiving

Thursday, February 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Micki Grano - In memoriam
Requested by Veronica Mc Intyre

First Friday, February 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Sacred Heart/Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Edwige Edouard - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard

Saturday, February 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.
Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita
Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing and thanksgiving

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
The Levesque Family
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Flowers:
Pearly Gopaul - In memoriam

Sanctuary Candle:
Phillip Fitzroy Adams - In memoriam

Altar Candle:
Agnes Guy - Birthday memorial
Requested by Jean Guy

Altar Candle:
Agathe Geraldine Fils Coismain - In memoriam

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:
Monica Walker - In memoriam

Mass Intentions

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers. **Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date**. Place your request together with **your name** and **phone number** in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.
Please make a donation with each request.

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit www.pre-cana.org.
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Sick Calls: In case of an emergency - any time.

Pray that we may all learn the value and dignity of all human life, and seek to uphold it in every situation.

Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Read the Gospel of the day. Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:
Mal 3:1-4; Ps:24:7-10; Heb 2:13-18; Lk 2:22-40.
Jesus, the King of Glory (Ps), yet like us in all things (2), comes to his temple (1) to be a light for all nations (3).

Monday:
Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:22-24; Mk 5:1-20.
In Christ, the faith and hope (Ps) of the chosen people has been made perfect (1). In Christ, the power of evil is overcome (2).

Tuesday:
Heb 12:1-4; Ps: 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43.
Remain faithful (Ps) to the end of your pilgrimage (1), as did Jesus who worked miraculous healings (2).

Wednesday:
Heb12:4-7, 11-15; Ps: 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6.
When the Lord chastises, it is agape (1,Ps). Jesus' love is met with distrust even by his own kindred (2).

Thursday:
Heb12: 18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6: 7-13.
Having repented of their sins (2), believers will be gathered around Jesus, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant (1). May Jesus be praised forever (Ps)!

Friday:
Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27: 1,3,5, 8b-9c; Mk6: 14-29.
The Lord will never desert us (1) for he is our light and our salvation (Ps). Though bitterly regretting it, Herod has John killed (2).

Saturday:
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:13-34.
Jesus, the shepherd, has pity for the crowd (2). In his blood the new and eternal covenant has been ratified for his sheep (1, Ps).

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. For what am I waiting? What consolation do I need?

You yourself a sword will pierce -- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. What parts of my heart do I hide from others? What pain and struggle do I need to bring to the Lord?

She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. With whom have I shared the joy of the Gospel? How do I share this joy?

After a period of silent reflection recite the Lord's Prayer.

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Renovations
Thank you for your continued moral and financial support of the ongoing renovations of our church.

Grace is when God gives us something we do not deserve.
Mercy is when God does ***not*** give us what we ***do*** deserve.

Valerie Schultz. GUTD

+We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

The Eucharist "is the source and summit of the Christian life."

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Please call us at **718-377-1800** for more information to register for the upcoming school year. Seats are available in Pre-K3 to Grade 8.

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church

School of Religious Education

Grades 1-8

Registration forms 2024-2025 are available online at ***saintvincentferrer.org*** under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718-859-9009 and we will mail the form to you. The registration fee is $50.00 per family, cash or money order only.

First Communion
The preparation is a 2-year program usually starting in the First Grade

Faith Formation
Religious Education continues in the 3rd grade through the 6th grade.

Confirmation
The preparation is a 2-year program, typically in the 7th and 8th grades.
The 2 years of preparation are MANDATORY.

Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us in our celebrations.

For additional information please contact the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009 or info@saintvincentferrer.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Charismatic Group la Paix** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation** 8:00 a.m.	**Legion of Mary** *Rectory basement* at 10:00 a.m.	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m.
Mary's Apostolate 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	***In His Light* Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	***Group la Paix* Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Girl Scouts** *Lower Church* 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	**Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Salvation in Disguise

We live in troubled times. With polarization in Church and state, political tensions and international conflicts on several fronts, our hope longs for salvation.

In a world much like ours, living alienated from God and neighbor, Simeon sings that what he holds in his arms—the union of the human and divine—fulfills his hope that he would live to see salvation. Jesus made salvation visible by living in communion with God and neighbor. Salvation continues. But how and where do we look to sustain our hope so that we can say with Simeon, "my own eyes have seen"?

How? We look with a sacramental sensitivity that gives the particulars of life a chance to be an epiphany of God's love. Through the eyes of an incarnate faith, we see God coming to us through us.

Where? Our hope for salvation is sustained by people helping people. Scientists, first responders, humanitarian aid workers are reminders that "Christ plays in ten thousand places" (Gerard Manley Hopkins). While there may not be as much humanity around as we would like, there's more than we think. Humanitarian efforts to feed the starving, house the homeless, and heal the broken are the visible signs of salvation breaking through the barbed wire of systemic injustice blurring the beauty of living in communion with God and neighbor.

Being vessels of grace for one another, even through small acts of kindness, sustains our hope that salvation continues.

Fr. Richard M. Gula
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One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. *Ephesians 4:5*

Legacy of Faith

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The challenge for each of us is to expand our vision and our hearts to embrace the whole family of God. Can we look beyond our blood relatives and beyond our national boundaries to include all God's children in our love and concern? Only then can we be true brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.

Fr. Lawrence E. Mick – © Give Us This Day

"We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants."

Pope Francis on his visit to the United States

Pope Francis' Intention for January:
For the right to an education
Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

This Week on

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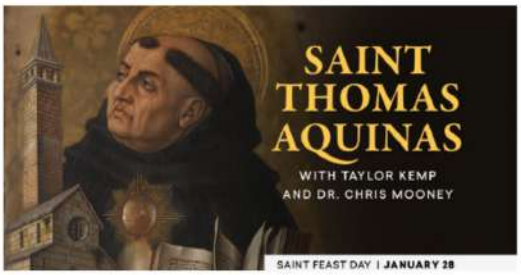

St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.

Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.

Ongoing Formation

When it comes to formation, it's easy to be passive consumers. Instead, let's show up, get excited and be proactive about our own faith formation. The focus of this episode is turning down the noise and forming our minds.

Movie Reviews

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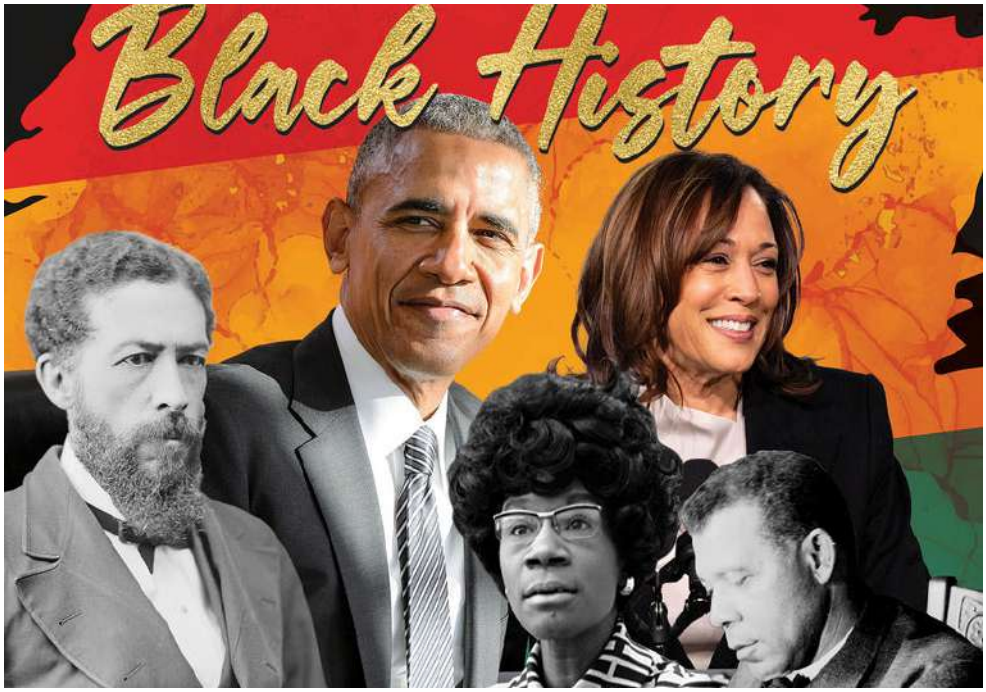

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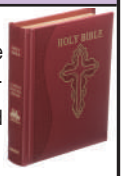

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